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Citizen Assists in Apprehension of Vehicle Burglar

Riverside, Ca. – On Tuesday August 16, 2011, an alert employee of LA Fitness at the Mission Grove shopping center observed a subject drive through the parking lot who matched the description of a vehicle burglar who had previously committed vehicle burglaries in the LA Fitness parking lot. Not only was this employee present during an earlier incident, but she had additional information from a, “Be on the Lookout” flier regarding the suspect description, and his vehicle, distributed by Riverside Police Department detectives.

The employee called the Riverside Police Department who responded and stopped the suspect as he was leaving the area. The suspect, Anthony EVANS, 42 years old, from Moreno Valley, was arrested for possessing stolen property and for a parole violation.

Detectives have been investigating a series of vehicle burglaries occurring in fitness clubs and shopping center parking lots in Riverside over the last several months. The suspect would either break the vehicle window or break the door lock to gain entry into vehicles and steal items left in plain view including purses, wallets, and cell phones.

Evans had several other items of stolen property in his possession that did not belong to him such as a designer purse, cell phones, and digital cameras. Detectives are still attempting to identify owners of some of the stolen property. Evans is being charged with numerous counts of vehicle burglaries and the investigation is still ongoing.

Citizens are urged to lock their vehicles when parking them. Park in a well lite, well-traveled area and don't leave items in plain sight. Report any suspicious activity to police or security.

If anyone has information about these incidents is asked to contact Detective Melissa Brazil from the Riverside Police Department at 951-826-5376 or mbrazil@riversideca.gov.

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